

Council Office
ADLINGTON.

10th June, 1945

To the Chairmen and Members of the
Adlington Urban District Council.

Gentlemen, ANNUAL REPORT - YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1945

I have to present for your consideration my Annual Report for the first complete year in which I have had the honour to serve as your Medical Officer of Health.

In view of the difficult times in which we are living, observations that one would have liked to make have had to be somewhat curtailed.

There has been no change in the area comprising the Urban District and the statistics are based on figures that have been supplied to me by the Registrar General.

Sources of employment remain much the same as last year, and more women have been absorbed into industry.

Births registered during the year allocate 74 for this Urban District (36 males and 38 females) and this gives a birth rate equal to 20.57 per 1,000 of the population, and compares favourably with the rate for England and Wales of 15.8. Last year the local birth rate was 15.53. There was one birth registered as being illegitimate.

Five still births were registered giving a rate of 1.36 per 1000. The rate for still births for England and Wales is 0.54.

Five children died before attaining the age of one year and this figure calculated on the number of children born gives a rate per 1,000 equal to 67 and creates an unfavourable comparison with the whole of England and Wales which 49 per 1000 live births. The mortality rate in your own district last year was 35 per 1000 births.

This loss of infant life is serious. The wealth of the nation is its children and, in my opinion, it is a matter for concern when out of a possible 79, 10 children fail to attain the age of one year.

After the necessary transfers have been effected 49 deaths have been allocated to this Urban District (27 males and 22 females). The death rate is equal to 13.62 per 1000 of the population and compares with 11.6 for the whole of England and Wales. The deaths have been classified as follows :-

Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	3
Influenza	5
Cancer	3
Intercranial Vascular Lesions	10
Heart Diseases	11
Pneumonia	2
Diarrhoea under two years	1
Other Digestive disorders	2
Nephritis	5
Premature Birth	3
Accident	1
Other violent causes	3

Infectious Diseases.

The number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified in 1922, show :-

Scarlet Fever	10
Whooping Cough	4
Diphtheria	2
Measles	7
Pneumonia	5

Comparison with England and Wales shows the rate per 1,000 of the population to be :-

	<u>Adlington.</u>	<u>England & Wales.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	2.78	2.19
Whooping Cough	1.11	1.73
Diphtheria	0.55	1.05
Measles	1.94	7.46
Pneumonia	1.39	1.07

There were no cases of Puerperal Fever or Puerperal Pyrexia notified during the year under review.

GENERAL SANITARY CONDITIONS

The water supply continues to be adequate, of good quality and free from contamination. The systematic inspection of dwelling houses is still in abeyance and it is therefore not possible to make comment on this subject. Dairies, Cowsheds and all places where food is prepared have been visited. When times revert to normal you will no doubt be required to direct your attention to your Dairy farms as some of these do not, in my opinion, come up to the required standard.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS

Nothing has occurred during the year to which it has been necessary to draw your attention. All the factories and workshop have been regularly visited.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 83 children under 5 years of age and 55 over 5 years were immunised against Diphtheria. This now gives a grand total of 554 who have received treatment.

The campaign will be vigorously pursued and I am endeavouring to have every child on reaching the age of one year to receive treatment.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. GILLON BRAND.

Medical Officer of Health